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### **BLM Monitoring Scab Creek Wildfire**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) High Desert District is monitoring the Scab Creek Wildfire approximately 11 miles east of Boulder, Wyo., in the Scab Creek Wilderness Study Area, about 150 yards from the Bridger Wilderness boundary.

The lightning-caused wildfire was first reported last night and has burned approximately a quarter acre of timber, brush and grass in steep, inaccessible terrain in the Silver Creek drainage. The fire is creeping and smoldering but producing significant smoke due to heavy timber.

Based on current and expected weather as well as concern for firefighter safety due to the extreme topography, the fire will remain in monitor status unless fire activity increases. If this occurs, minimum impact suppression tactics will be used with safety remaining the number one priority.

Outdoor recreationists are urged to use caution or avoid the area entirely since fire behavior can change suddenly and fire spread is unpredictable if high winds develop.

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